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SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members. As a member of the Revenue Committee, I think we've done some really good work. We've put out a package that we think that is at least more fair than other packages. This is what we presented to you. I think that along with the work of the Appropriations Committee, we have the tools to get to June, to fill the hole, to do a lot of the work. While it's been stated that this may be the amendment that puts on and then guts the bill and goes back to where we've started with the Governor's proposal in January, that won't solve the problem. It's not enough revenue. It's not enough to do what needs to be done. I think that we have to pass this section of the divided amendment, defeat Senator Thompson's amendment to this. And Senator Thompson has asked for me to yield her the rest of my time.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Connealy. The Chair recognizes Senator Thompson. You have three minutes and four...or three minutes and 40 seconds.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Members of the body, we've considered amendments before...or bills before on this issue and I find it ironic that the originally introduced bills were always for 50 to 60 some cents, and so this would just take us to what the introducers, one was Senator Landis, one was Senator Jensen, in previous years wanted to achieve. So I don't think we're getting that far apart. But I do want to clarify that I didn't plan to be a part of any grand design in introducing this amendment. I introduced this amendment because I felt it was important, as we look at the big picture of what we're going to need to do to balance this budget. We are going to need to look at all of our tax situations. Senator Brashear has some coming up in the third part of...third or fourth part of this divided amendment. Other ideas are going to be circulated raising the alcohol tax, which is very similar to saying not everybody drinks but we are going to tax the drinkers. So we're going to have to look at this as a big picture. It isn't an assault on the smokers. It's a way to look at our whole tax picture and how we're going to get there. The Voices for Children survey, the yellow survey, I said in my opening, is a scientific survey. They hired a survey company to